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Monday  
December 3, 2001

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## ON THE INSIDE:



Covering the campus like a swarm of gnats

## Today's Weather



Partly cloudy  
with a high of  
71° F and a low  
of 49° F.

## Only in America

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- A California nudist resort closes for lack of members.
- A man is arrested for assaulting a theme park employee dressed as Cookie Monster.

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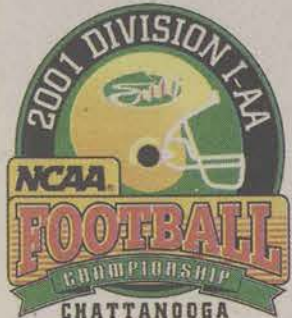
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- The Taliban's bounty for western journalists? Jake Hallman writes of America's war on its own journalists.
- Consumer advocate Ralph Nader uncovers U.S. corporations' greed in times of tragedy.

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- Eagle Football advances towards its quest for an seventh national I-AA title in Chattanooga, TN.



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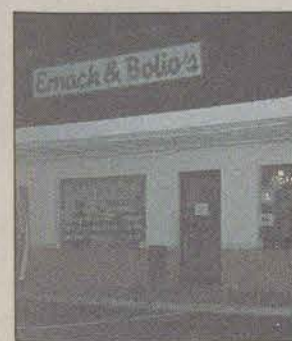
## Features

- Find out ways to stay on top of your workout routine during the winter months.
- The graphic novel "Jinx" follows the adventures of a female bounty hunter.

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## Arts & Entertainment

- GSU's Creative Writing Club held a reading at Emack and Bolio's on Thursday, Nov. 30.



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## Southern Events

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- GSU will battle UGA in Hanner Fieldhouse at 7 p.m. on Dec. 4.

### WILDLIFE EDUCATION

- The Center for Wildlife Education will hold its Center After Dark Holiday Welcome at 7 p.m. on Dec. 8.

# Taliban puts price on western journalists' heads

By Jake Hallman  
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Taliban leadership began offering \$50,000 bounties for western journalists Friday.

A mass exodus of reporters from Afghanistan began shortly after the offer was made public.

Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar turned his wrath on journalists after two incidents in Afghanistan, the kidnapping and reported torture of a Canadian reporter near Kandahar and the shooting of a European journalist in Northern Alliance-held territory.

"It's getting more dangerous and unpredictable," a European ambassador told the British newspaper Media Guardian.

U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld stated that "a good deal of turmoil" exists in the country, which could lead to American military casualties.

The U.S. has suffered one casualty thus far in Afghanistan, a CIA agent slain in a revolt of Taliban prisoners. In the past three weeks, eight journalists have died in the country.

On Nov. 12, Johanne Sutton of Radio France Internationale, Pierre Billaud of France's RTL radio station and Volker Handloik, a freelance writer for the German magazine Stern, were killed when the Taliban ambushed the Northern Alliance armored personnel carrier they were riding on.

A week later, Harry Burton, an Australian television cameraman



KRT Campus

**NO SAFE PASSAGE:** Northern Alliance soldiers watch intently as Taliban soldiers surrender on Sunday, Nov. 25 before an attack on Khanabad and Konduz, the last Taliban-controlled cities Afghanistan. Northern Alliance leaders have refused to provide security for journalists targeted by the Taliban.

with Reuters; Azizullah Haidari, an Afghan-born Reuters photographer; Julio Fuentes of Spain's El Mundo and Maria Grazia Cutuli, a reporter with Italy's Corriere della Sera, were all killed when gunmen ambushed the convoy they were travelling in.

November 27, Oluf Stromberg, a television cameraman with Sweden's TV4 channel, was killed when armed robbers broke into the house he was

staying in.

Northern Alliance General Rashid Dostam, whose forces crushed the Taliban in northern Afghanistan, would not offer security for departing media convoys on bandit-infested Afghan roads. He also made veiled threats against journalists seeking to flee cities taken by his forces last week.

"Security on the roads inside Afghanistan remains a huge prob-

lem," the U.N. refugee agency told the Media Guardian.

While reporters are under fire in Afghanistan, the Northern Alliance has resisted calls for U.N. peacekeeping troops.

The bounty is not a new move in the Afghan war. The Taliban has already offered a \$50 million bounty for the capture of President George W. Bush, in response to a U.S. offer of \$25 million for the capture of Osama bin Laden.

# As Napster fades to black, other services make song-swapping easy



KRT Campus

**AN ETHICAL DIGITAL PIRATE?:** University of Minnesota sophomore Laurie Hahn says if she likes a song she downloads from Audiogalaxy she will go out and buy it.

**KRT Campus**  
• Additional reporting by Jake Hallman  
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Napster may be napping, but torrents of digital tunes, movies and software are once again pouring through the Internet onto the hard drives of America's college students this fall.

Napster, the once-booming service for swapping music files via the

Net, has been idle for months as it battles a music-industry lawsuit. So college kids have turned to alternate file-swapping services in droves.

Just take a peek inside Middlebrook Hall, a 900-student residence overlooking the University of Minnesota's Minneapolis campus on the West Bank of the Mississippi River.

David Moulder, an 18-year-old computer-engineering freshman, says his dorm-room computer has "somewhere in the vicinity of 2,400 MP3s," most harvested from Napster during his high-school years in Huntsville, Ala.

When a lawsuit by the Recording

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# GSU Welcome Center starts sock drive

Special to the G-A

The GSU Welcome Center is once again collecting socks for the needy families of Bulloch County and the surrounding counties.

The second annual Sock Drive begins on Monday, Dec. 3 and con-

tinues through the whole month of December. Drop-off boxes will be set up to accept donations of socks at the Welcome Center, Pickle Barrel and Lakeside Cafe.

During the week of Dec. 17-21, Santa Claus will be visiting

the Welcome Center. Santa will be available to take pictures with those interested for \$2.00 or a donation of socks. The Welcome Center invites all faculty, staff, students and the general public to participate.

# GSU official serves as observer in Nicaraguan national elections

G-A News Service

Nicaragua is one of the poorest countries in the Western hemisphere, but the Central American nation is rich in people who take their right to vote very seriously.

In fact, GSU's G. Lane Van Tassell believes the citizens of the United States can learn a lesson from the tiny land of five million people.

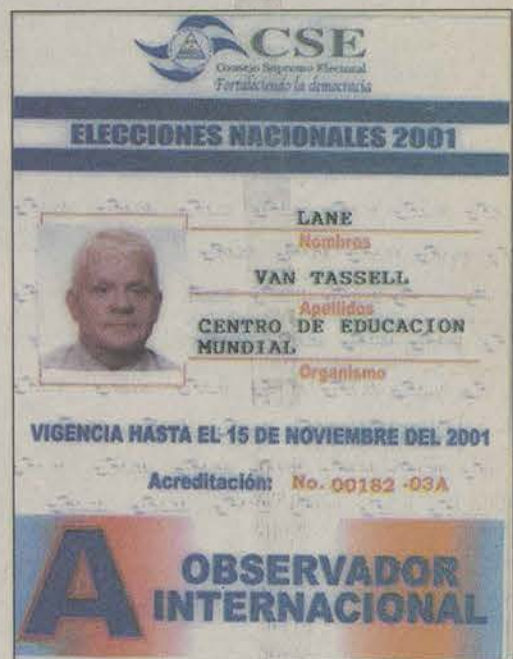
GSU's associate vice president of Academic Affairs and dean of the College of Graduate Studies, Van Tassell served as an official observer of the Nicaraguan national elections held on Nov. 4.

"It was really quite stunning to see 80 to 85 percent of the electorate turn out to vote in a country that is by and large the second-poorest country in the Western hemisphere," Van

Tassell said.

"It's a country still trying to reconcile itself with a civil war where

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**POORNATION, RICH DEMOCRACY:** GSU's Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies, Dr. Lane Van Tassell served as an official observer of the Nicaraguan national elections held on Nov. 4.

# Gang tackling the Rattlers...



Luke Renfro/STAFF

**EAGLES SWOOP AND SWALLOW RATTILERS:** GSU had a scary first half against the Florida A&M Rattlers this Saturday, trailing 28-27 at the halfway point. The second half was dominated by the Eagles, though. GSU scored 32 points in the second half to the Rattlers mere 7. The Eagles face long-time rivals Appalachian State this coming Saturday at Paulson Stadium. The winner of the App. St. game will advance to the NCAA I-AA semifinals to be played the following Saturday (Dec. 15).





## Police Beat

### GSU Public Safety

November 29

• Jasmine Johnson reported someone took the license plate from her vehicle in the Johnson Hall parking lot.

• Zakiya Mayfield reported her purse was missing from the College of Education Building.

• Ronald Kearney reported a lawn mower, a weed eater and a blower were missing from The Pines pool house.

• Jocelyn Coulter reported two textbooks were missing from the Biology Building.

• Andrew Allie reported a bicycle was taken from the University Store bike rack.

November 30

• Denny Divita, 21, was charged with DUI and passing in no-passing zone.

### Statesboro Police Department

November 29

• Nicholas Anthony Hallas, 19, was charged with false or fictitious license, and a minor attempting to purchase alcohol.

• Ryan Davidson Kieffaber, 18, was charged with possession of marijuana and driving without using his seatbelt.

• Nathan Luke James, 20, was charged with possession of marijuana.

• Christopher Tye Massey, 19, was charged with possession of marijuana.

• Cameron Douglas Jones reported he was being harassed.

December 1

• Bryce Simpson Cowgill, 20, was charged with DUI and reckless driving.

• Tomasz Sulowski reported a criminal trespass in Willow Bend apartments.

• Heather Johnson reported her cellular phone was lost or stolen at Legends.

December 2

• Alexis Hamler reported a criminal trespass at Stadium Club apartments.

• Anthony Marc Jones reported a burglary at Stadium Walk apartments.

*Editor's Note: Police Beat appears in every edition of the George-Anne in an effort to inform the GSU community of the amount and nature of crime. All reports are public information and can be obtained at either the GSU Division of Public Safety or the Statesboro Police Department.*

--All Police Beat information is compiled by Adam Brady.

## Georgia Southern to host accounting seminar in Savannah December 10

### G-A News Service

Regional accountants can earn up to eight hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) at Georgia Southern University's "Accounting Seminar for Financial Professionals" in Savannah Monday, Dec. 10.

Co-sponsored by the University of Georgia Small Business Development Center, the day-long seminar will be held at the Coastal Georgia Center at 354 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

The seminar will feature four 100-minute presentations, each of which will count as two hours of accounting CPE. Participants may choose a full day to earn eight CPE hours or any two sessions for four CPE hours. Four of the hours will qualify for

Accounting & Auditing (A & A) credit. Management professor Ruth Essler will teach participants how to "Enhance Performance Through Professional Goal Setting" from 8:30 a.m. until 10:10 a.m.

Bill Dugle, retired vice president of human resources for Englehard Corporation, will teach "Total Compensation for Competitive Advantage" from 10:20 a.m. until noon.

Participants can earn two A & A credit hours at the third session, "Increase Your Bottom Line Through Continuous Improvement Strategies," which will be presented by accounting instructor Steve Brinkman from 1 p.m. until 2:40 p.m.

Two hours of A & A credit can be

earned at the fourth session, "Boost Returns to Shareholders Through Economic Value Added," which will be presented by finance professor Bill Wells from 2:50 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The enrollment fee for the full-day seminar is \$200, including lunch. The half-day rate is \$110 for any two sessions. Two sessions with lunch is \$120.

To register, call GSU's Division of Continuing Education and Public Service at (912) 681-5551. For more information on this or any other GSU professional development program, call program specialist J. Marie Lutz at (912) 871-1763, send an email to seminars@gasou.edu, or visit the Web site at www2.gasou.edu/contedu/coba.

## University's teaching assistants walk out

### KRT Campus

Hundreds of graduate teaching assistants at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign walked out of classes Wednesday, darkening classrooms across campus and leaving

thousands of undergraduate students without teachers.

The work stoppage, which was to have lasted through Thursday, is the most militant action yet by the graduate students who teach many of the

university's courses and are seeking recognition by the administration as a bargaining unit.

The teaching assistants, mainly from liberal arts colleges, spent the day marching through the campus Quad, picket signs in hand, chanting, "No union, no peace. No contract, no peace."

"We don't deny this is a disruptive action," said Dave Kamper, a teaching assistant in the history department and spokesman for the grad students' organization. "But this is short-term pain for a long-term gain. We've exhausted all of our other choices and we were forced into this action."

Their efforts toward increasing their recognition and compensation mirror a growing national movement.

Last year, 1,600 graduate assistants at the University of Washington walked out on the last day of classes with final exams left to grade.

"Unfortunately, they leave us no choice but to act militant," said Uma Pimplaskar, a U. of I. teaching assistant in media studies, who canceled her class for the day.

University spokesman Bill Murphy said Chancellor Nancy Cantor stood by the position that teaching assistants should not be able to form a union because they are students first and their employment is secondary.

Organizers said 80 percent to 90 percent of the 500 teaching assistants who work in the Quad buildings canceled their classes and office hours Wednesday. They estimated that about 10,000 students were affected.

## FBI identifies suspect in anthrax hoax where letters were sent to abortion clinics

### KRT Campus

WASHINGTON-- Attorney General John Ashcroft requested help Thursday in locating a man who is wanted for questioning in the mailing of 550 anthrax hoax letters to abortion clinics throughout the United States.

Clayton Lee Waagner, 44, is also wanted for escaping in February from an Illinois county jail, where he was awaiting sentencing and facing 15 years to life for firearms possession and interstate transportation of a stolen car. Ashcroft said.

Waagner, who according to the FBI has said he is an "anti-abortion warrior" and admitted to stalking abortion clinics, is not connected to any of the real anthrax letters or deaths, the FBI said.

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, the FBI said it "received information" that Waagner "took credit" for sending more than 280 of the threatening letters to abortion clinics on the East Coast. The envelopes were marked "Time Sensitive" and "Urgent Security Notice Enclosed" - with the return addresses of the U.S. Marshals Service or the U.S. Secret Service, according to an FBI memo.

Earlier this month, a second wave of 270 threatening letters was sent via private delivery service to

abortion clinics.

"The Department of Justice considers Waagner's threats and all anthrax hoaxes to be serious violations of federal law," Ashcroft said at a press conference. "Perpetrators of anthrax hoaxes and those who threaten abortion providers will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

The FBI is offering a \$50,000 reward for information leading to Waagner's arrest.

Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the Justice Department has begun investigations into more than 50 anthrax hoaxes.

Waagner abandoned a car in Memphis, Tenn., after a hit-and-run accident last Labor Day weekend. Police found a rifle, a shotgun, a pipe bomb and anti-abortion literature in the car.

Later that weekend, he committed a carjacking in Tunica, Miss. He released the driver after paying him \$1,650 for his van, according to the victim, Harold Wayne Baker. He also has been charged with robbing a First Union Bank in Harrisburg, Pa.

Waagner was born in North Dakota and uses numerous aliases, including Jack Avery, Mike L. Buchanan and Allan Waagner. He sometimes walks with a limp and

may have limited use of his left hand from a frostbite injury. Known as a heavy smoker and a gambler, he also favors bourbon, the FBI said.

Waagner has a wife and four children in Clintonville, Pa.

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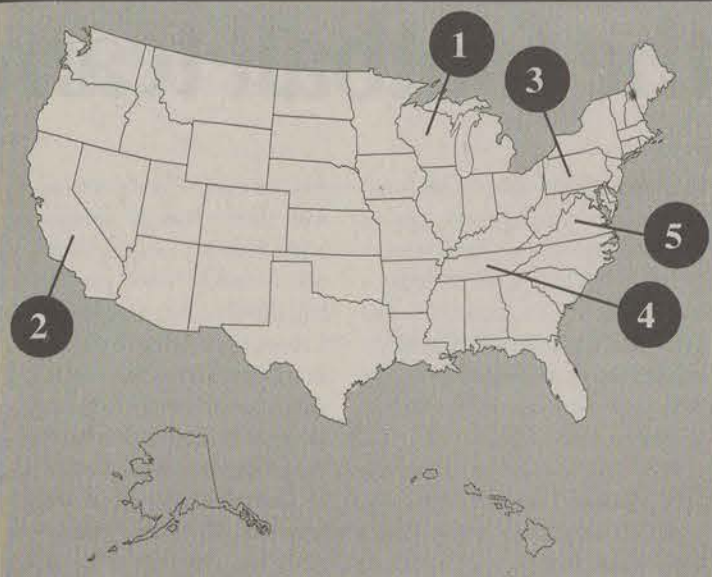
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## ONLY IN AMERICA...



### 1 Wisconsin

#### Man's 18,000th burger lands him in record book

FOND DU LAC - If it's true that you are what you eat, Donald Gorske is "two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions on a sesame seed bun."

Big Macs, the top-of-the-line burgers of the Golden Arches, have been the staple diet of the 47-year-old Fond du Lac prison guard since he wolfed down his first one in April 1972.

Every day for the past 29 years, Gorske has eaten at least two Big Macs, and this month - to the cheers of math students at Fond du Lac High School - he put down his 18,000th, enhancing his place in the Guinness book of records. "It took a long time" Gorske said of his induction into Guinness. "But it's kind of nice having it there."

Fond du Lac High School was chosen as the backdrop for the milestone because of Gorske's involvement with teacher Tom Strauss' applied math classes. Over the years, students have calculated the specifics of Gorske's feat, such as figuring out the amounts of produce, grains and hamburger it would take to slap together all the Big Macs he's eaten since '72.

Their findings: Since Gorske was 19 years old, he's consumed the equivalent of 800 heads of lettuce, 820 onions, 1,900 whole pickles, 563 pounds of cheese, almost 100 gallons of special sauce, 14 heads of beef and, most impressively, 6,250,000 sesame seeds.

To reach their conclusions, Strauss' students did things like slicing up pickles to get the average number of slices per pickle and calling up butchers to find out how many pounds of hamburger are in a head of beef.

"Math and algebra can be some pretty abstract stuff," said Strauss, who along with colleagues Christine Horbas and Paul Weisse developed Applied Math Made Easy in 1995.

"By doing fun activities like this kids don't ever have to ask the question, 'When are we ever going to get to use this stuff?'" he said.

Gorske's more than happy to help the students relate to math while pursuing his culinary passion. He rarely eats anything but Big Macs, though occasionally

he'll eat fries and drink a Coke. After one month of marriage to his wife, Mary, he asked her to stop cooking so he could eat at Mickey D's. He skips traditional holiday meals and eats Big Macs for Thanksgiving and Christmas. He once got a Big Mac Attack while stuck in his house during an ice storm, so he now keeps a stash of Macs in his freezer for emergencies.

He's become an icon at the McDonald's on Military Avenue in Fond du Lac, where he said he's eaten about 17,000 Macs. "They know me quite well in there" he said.

At 6 feet and 178 pounds, Gorske said he's healthy, energetic and rarely gets sick.

Strauss said Gorske had achieved cult-hero status among his students.

And Gorske, who claims to have eaten Big Macs in each of the 48 continental United States and inside every major-league baseball park in the nation, has no plans to change his eating habits. "I can't see any reason why I would want to stop."

### 2 California

#### Nudist resort closes from lack of members

LOS ANGELES - Not enough skin is forcing the closure of Los Angeles County's last nudist resort.

Declining membership is to blame for the decision to close the 33-year-old Elysium Institute.

The resort's owners were evicted from the Topanga Canyon location last year when the land was sold. The nudist enclave was relocated to a remote area in the Malibu mountains, 40 miles west of Los Angeles.

"We're closed," said Betty Meltzer, the resort's director. "Elysium has no money. We've put the property up for sale."

Meltzer, 67, and her husband, Sanford, 70, bought the land by tapping \$300,000 of their retirement funds. The couple has been unable to keep the resort afloat because not enough people are using the 20-acre property.

In the late 1980s, Elysium enjoyed its best showing with more than 1,000 nudists. This week, the resort closed with only 270 members.

Unwilling to make the drive

along winding roads, many stopped coming to weekend events and weeknight seminars.

"Nobody else seemed willing to step up except Betty and Sandy. Now the only nudist place in L.A. is going away," said nudist Steve Katz.

### 3 Pennsylvania

#### Man found guilty of assaulting Cookie Monster

DOYLESTOWN - A man was convicted Wednesday of kicking and punching a female theme park employee dressed as Cookie Monster, knocking her to the ground in front of his child, because the character wouldn't pose for a photo.

Lee P. McPhatter Jr., 22, of Waldorf, Md., was convicted by a judge of simple assault, disorderly conduct and harassment and sentenced to one year of probation. He was also ordered to take an anger-management class.

"I'm satisfied. The guy didn't deserve to go to Graterford prison, but the girl spent two months in physical therapy," said Bucks County Assistant District Attorney Robert Mancini.

Police said McPhatter flew into a rage on June 9 at Sesame Place, when the employee, E. Jennie McNelis, 22, of Bensalem, did not respond to his 3-year-old daughter's request to have her picture taken.

McPhatter, a student at The Citadel military college in South Carolina, called McNelis a "mean Cookie Monster," then punched her through the mouth of the costume, knocking her down, police said.

Witnesses testified during the two-day bench trial that McPhatter kicked McNelis in the ribs and legs.

McPhatter had faced up to two years in prison. Both he and his girlfriend, Sabrina Quiroz, the mother of the child, testified that McNelis shoved the girl several times, flung a paw in McPhatter's face when he protested his daughter's treatment, then tripped.

The girl, Mina, testified before Bucks County Judge Rea Boylan Thomas that "Cookie pushed me in the face."

### 4 Tennessee

#### Death of man who was found spray-painted orange is ruled homicide

MORRISTOWN - A man found spray-painted orange from head to knees died from inhaling paint fumes, and his death has been ruled a homicide, police said.

Terry Pease, 45, was apparently disrobed and sprayed with "Halloween-type" hair coloring before collapsing at his cousin's house Nov. 2, Morristown detective Rick Harmon said.

No one has been arrested. Pease left his cousin's house

with two women and a man, then returned hours later intoxicated and painted orange, Harmon said.

The paint fumes overwhelmed Pease's respiratory system, causing his bronchial tubes to swell and cut off the flow of oxygen to his bloodstream, Harmon said.

"On the cans of this type of hair dye, there are warning labels that say the paint can be fatal. This is unbelievable," Harmon said.

### 5 Virginia

#### Bikini-clad mannequin's message stirring free speech debate

HOPEWELL - A bikini-clad mannequin with a "Terrorists Kiss This!" sign on its posterior has become the object of a free speech

fight between the antique dealer who owns it and residents who find it offensive.

Kim Pinkleton, owner of the Bargain Bazaar, has used the toe-touching, bent-over mannequin as a sidewalk sign for years, often displaying the message "Rock Bottom Prices." Pinkleton changed the message after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Pinkleton intended to take the sign down early this month, but then city officials came to her shop and asked her to remove it, citing complaints from residents.

Now, Pinkleton said Wednesday, "I'm not going to move it."

"There are a few people that won't let it die," she said in a telephone interview.

The American Civil Liberties Union has joined the fight, warning Hopewell Mayor Anthony Zevgolis in a letter this week that forcing

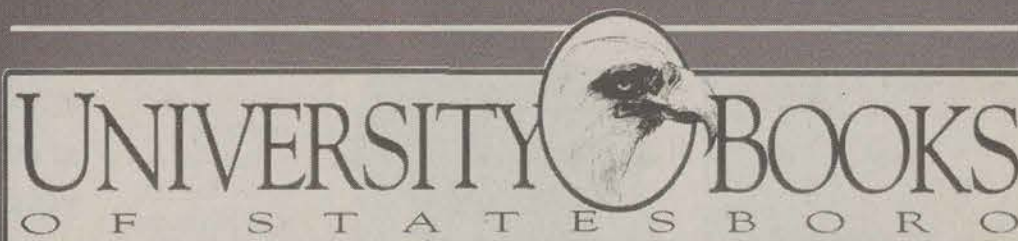
Pinkleton to remove the sign is "an invitation for legal action" against the city on First Amendment grounds.

The mannequin was designed as a swimsuit model, which is why it's in a ready-to-dive position, Pinkleton said. Besides bikinis, it has also been dressed in gowns and featured other signs such as "Red Hot Sale Prices," she said.

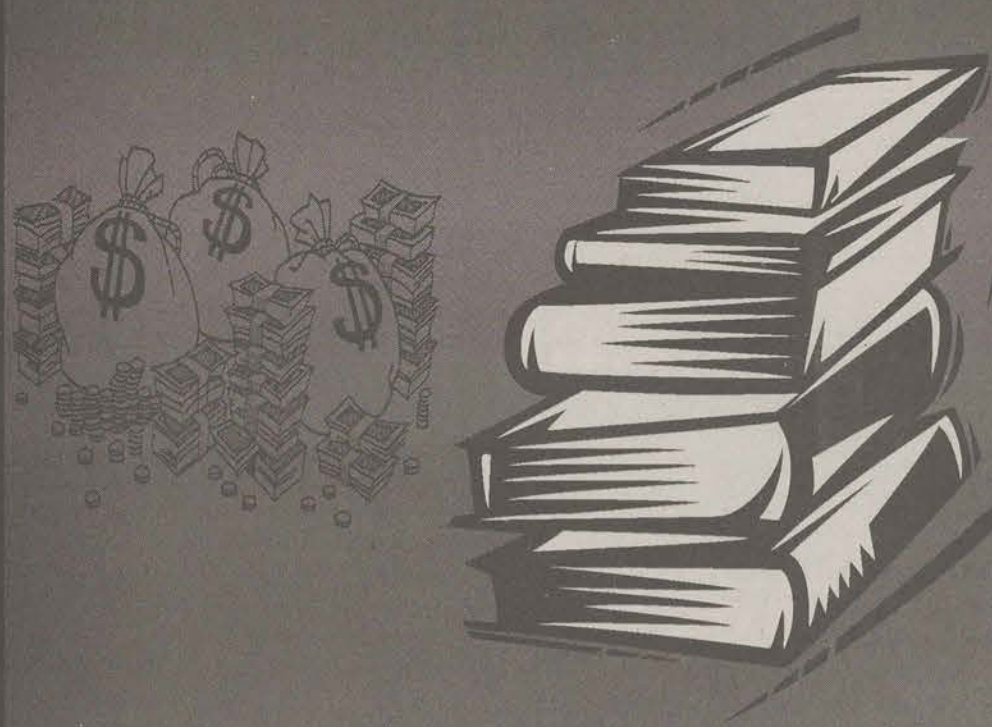
Instead of objecting, shoppers have come to appreciate the shop for its creative sidewalk displays, including past incarnations of the bent-over mannequin, Pinkleton said, and almost all of them have sided with the shop in the controversy.

Zevgolis called the display "obscene," "lewd," and "degrading to women," and he reiterated his disdain for the mannequin at a council meeting Tuesday night. The council agreed to look into the matter.

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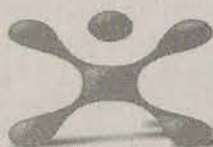
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# OPINIONS

## OUR OPINION Party but be safe!

The semester is wrapping up, and it's been a long one.

Come to think of it, they're all long ones.

In any case, we here at The G-A want to remind you of a few things. First, we get a good bit of cash from ad revenue. Why do advertisers pay us to print their messages?

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We've now officially hit the last two weeks of the semester, and the time is right to party and live it up, either getting in your pre-exam bashes or having a bit of non-parental-approved fun before pretending you've never even seen alcohol before while visiting Grandma.

Have fun, but be smart and be safe. Want to drink? Fine. Do it in moderation, and don't try to drive. The cops will catch you, and even if they don't, Allah has dire punishments in store for those who endanger others.

The same goes for you 18-year-olds with the fake IDs, especially the one who attempted to buy alcohol in front of Brennaman and Hallman. He learned a valuable life lesson, and left his false papers with the border guard, along with a case of Natty Light. You will get caught.

There are better ways to have fun, so go out there and show that your college education has spurred a bit of recreational creativity.

Drive safely, and come back with lots of Christmas cash for our fine advertisers. They, and our ads staff, will thank you.

# I'm more important than the football team

CHRIS  
BRENNAMAN



Thank God that after college, football won't be shoved down my throat.

A few years ago, my fellow George-Anne columnist Jake Hallman wrote a piece on the football team. Some might argue that it was a pretty negative piece. The football team did, at least. Some of the players found him out at a party and made

Jake feel akin to a pinata.

Me, I thought it was damn fine column.

For some reason, members of universities all over the country feel the need to treat the football team and all those associated with them as a pantheon of gods that deserve nothing less than the complete awe of those that fall beneath them. Talk poorly of the team and that's nothing less than treason to your school.

Personally, I'm fed up with it.

I've only been to three football games in the last four-and-a-half years, and I guarantee you that I was dragged kicking and screaming to each one. Maybe it's just me, but there's something about sitting out in the sun frying in my own sweat, watching a few overgrown students chase each other around the field over a ball, while everyone around me is so drunkenly obnoxious that I can't help but stare at my watch for the duration of the game, all of it scored by the marching band, the only group

of students who look more miserable than me.

Try telling someone that you couldn't care less about the team. I've done that and got a barrage of accusatory questions all wanting to know why I don't support "my team."

My team? I hate to tell everyone this, but the last time I checked my assets, nowhere was there listed a football team. I don't have a team. GSU has a football team that GSU students play on. When I start getting a cut off the gate then we'll get together and try and figure out where this mythical support has disappeared to.

Speaking of this team concept, it seems like the GSU football team is made up of two players, one of which the PR department is one press packet away from revealing was sent to earth as an infant from a dying planet and is powered by our yellow sun. He's faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a

locomotive and able to leap tall buildings in a single bound. Against glorified high school teams at least. Want proof? Look at Saturday's score. That's not a game, boys and girls, that's a slaughter. Maybe we can petition Statesboro High to play next year in an attempt to run the scores up a little higher.

Look at the name of our school. GSU, Georgia Southern University, emphasis on the last word. That's right, we are an academic institution, dedicated to creating scholars and producing adults capable of contributing to society at large. Why not make that the top priority?

Don't give that tired, redneck argument that without the football team, we wouldn't get any money. Have you seen the business building lately? That's where the money is. On a campus of trailers and dead buildings, they have a state-of-the-art palace. Why? Because that's where the kids go to make money.

I've partied with members of the

football team before. Got along great with them. They're normal guys, aside from the fact that they could quite possibly bench press a small bus. I'm not trying to get them down. I'm not even trying to dog the fans. But everyone needs to realize that the real contributors to society will most likely not come from a football field. Football never cured a disease or produced a great work of literature. Maybe we should give a bit of the attention to the students that will do these things. The students that will go on to make life better for all of us deserve something don't they?

People say that football put GSU on the map. That's probably true. Well, now that we have a spot on the academic atlas, let's do something big now that we've got the spotlight.

Chris Brennaman is an award winning columnist that feels that GSU should manufacture t-shirts with his face. He can be reached at [gsu\\_icon@hotmail.com](mailto:gsu_icon@hotmail.com).

# I thought I was worth so much more

JAKE  
HALLMAN



Less than a week after I write about world leaders as a commodity, I become one.

Y'know, Mom always said she wouldn't trade me for a million dollars. With the new Taliban offer, I caught her with a burka and an AK-47 last night skulking outside my window.

It's understandable, though—she's getting married soon, and \$50k

would set up a nice wedding.

This isn't some knee-jerk reaction, however. Much like the \$50 million for Bush in response to the \$25 mil for bin Laden, the Taliban is just trying to one-up us again. There's a private little war going on against journalists in this country, too.

Take for example, the 5,000 or so people the FBI is holding in (dubious) connection with the Sept. 11 attacks. They won't tell reporters who, where or why these people are being held.

Here's the exact figures: 548 people have been apprehended and detained. Of those, 93 were identified through court records. Eleven were charged, but not publicly identified.

The remaining 444? We've no clue even where they're being held. Seen your next-door neighbor lately?

I got my hands on the list of 93. Gentle readers, you'll be pleased to know that Mr. Khalid Hamid

Mohamed, charged (but not indicted) of "making false statements," is out on \$10,000 bond right now, and apparently isn't a GSU student, as far as I can tell.

**WHAT'S THE POINT? THIS LATEST CONFLICT IS ANYTHING BUT BLACK AND WHITE. OUR ALLIES IN THE NORTHERN ALLIANCE HAVE TAKEN TO SLAUGHTERING TALIBAN FIGHTERS WHO AREN'T AFGHANI. WE OURSELVES MAY HAVE DONE EXACTLY WHAT BIN LADEN'S BOYS DID, SEND CIVILIANS TO A FIERY, EXPLOSIVE DEATH.**

The George-Anne tried to find out if the FBI had investigated any of our students, and promptly ran into a dead end. The feds aren't talking, especially not to reporters.

"Suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law." Let's not forget the terror suspects are subject to trial by a military tribunal, which, strictly speaking, is not a "court of law."

It disturbs me that President Bush

has stated, paraphrased here, that he won't let the forms of liberty be used by those who would destroy them.

Isn't that the point of liberty? What, the "evil-doers" are so bad that they don't deserve the rights we afford to everyone, not just citizens, in this country?

This whole good vs. evil thing is beginning to get too cartoony for me. When the ground fighting breaks out in Kandahar between U.S. Marines and the remnants of the Taliban, I half-

way expect to see red and blue lasers flying about.

As part of our covert war on objective journalism, the government has tried to crack down on U.S. media outlets showing bin Laden's videos, just in case he uses them to trigger attacks.

Sept. 11 proved that he doesn't need videos for that. What are they so afraid of? He comes across as slightly ridiculous in the videos—all

he needs is to be wearing a blue hood with a red cobra on it and have Ayman al-Zawahiri behind him in a sealed silver mask, and they'd fit into our strikingly simple worldview.

What's the point? This latest conflict is anything but black and white. Our allies in the Northern Alliance have taken to slaughtering Taliban fighters who aren't Afghani. We ourselves may have done exactly what bin Laden's boys did, send civilians to a fiery, explosive death.

Bin Laden's actions, though inexcusable, treacherous and despicable, come out of long-running feelings of anger for the often intolerable treatment Palestinians have received, though Israel itself has at times been on the wrong end of some heinous treatment.

It's not simple. It's not World War II, with two clearly defined giants trying to remold the earth. It's not the cold war, with the Soviets setting up satellite states and gearing up for a possible takeover of western Europe.

The President is right: this war is something new. It'd be a shame if the rights we fought so hard for in the past had to fall by the wayside to win it.

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U. S. corporations aren't even subtle about it. Waving a flag and carrying a big shovel, corporate interests are scooping up government benefits and taxpayer money in an unprecedented fashion while the public is preoccupied with the Sept. 11 attacks and the war in Afghanistan.

Shamelessly, the Bush administration and Congress have taken advantage of the patriotic outpouring to fulfill the wish lists of their most generous corporate campaign donors. Not only is the Treasury being raided, but regulations protecting everything from personal privacy to environmental safeguards are under attack by well-heeled lobbyists who want to stamper Congress to act while the media and citizens are distracted.

Only a handful in the Congress - members like Sen. Russell Feingold of Wisconsin and Reps. Peter DeFazio of Oregon and Barbara Lee of California - have shown the courage to question the giveaways and the quick wipeout of civil liberties and other citizen protections. In most cases, such as the \$15 billion airline bailout and corporate tax breaks, legislation has been pushed to the forefront with little or no hearings and only fleeting consideration on the floor of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

One of the boldest grabs for cash has been by corporations seeking to eliminate the Alternative Minimum Tax, enacted to prevent profitable corporations from escaping all tax liability through various

loopholes. Not only do the corporations want relief from the current year's AMT but they are seeking a retroactive refund of all AMT paid since 1986.

This giveaway, as passed by the House of Representatives, would make corporations eligible for \$25 billion in tax

losses above certain levels or to provide loans or loan guarantees for reinsurance.

The insurance companies want federal bailouts, but they continue to insist on regulation only by underfunded, poorly staffed state insurance departments, most of which are dominated by the industry.

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— BILL MOYERS  
POLITICAL JOURNALIST

refunds. Just 14 corporations would receive \$6.3 billion of the refund. IBM gets \$1.4 billion; General Motors, \$833 million; General Electric \$671 million; Daimler-Chrysler \$600 million; Chevron-Texaco \$572 million. The 14 biggest beneficiaries of the minimum tax repeal gave \$14,769,785 in "soft money" to the national committees of the Democratic and Republican parties in recent years.

Soon to join the bailout parade is the nation's insurance industry, which is lobbying the Congress to have the federal government pick up the tab for future losses like those stemming from the attack on the World Trade Center. Proposals are on the table for taxpayers to either pick up

Any bailout or loan program involving the insurance companies must include provisions that ensure that insurance companies cannot refuse to write policies and make investments in low, moderate and minority neighborhoods.

People-concerns have been missing in all the bailouts. When the airline companies walked off with \$15 billion plus in bailout money, the thousands of laid-off employees - airline attendants, maintenance crews, baggage handlers and ticket counter employees - received not a dime. Last month, more than 400,000 employees lost their jobs nationwide and the national unemployment rate rose to 5.4 percent, the highest level since 1996.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics said roughly a fourth of the lost jobs were the direct result of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. Bailouts, benefits or other aid for these victims of the attacks? No, that's reserved just for the corporations under the policies of the Bush administration and the present Congress. Yet it is the workers in the low-wage jobs—like those in restaurants, hotels, retailing and transportation—who are bearing the brunt of the layoffs in the aftermath of the attacks on the World Trade Center, according to a report from the New York State Department of Labor. 56 percent of those laid off worked in service jobs, while only 4 percent worked at Wall Street brokerage firms. No bailout for laid-off workers, just a hard crack across the knees. As Bill Moyers, the author and national journalist, commented: "They (the corporations) are counting on your patriotism to distract you from their plunder. They're counting on you to stand at attention with your hand over your heart, pledging allegiance to the flag, while they pick your pocket."

The present crisis cries out for shared sacrifice—not the opportunism so blatantly displayed by the nation's corporate interests. President Bush and the Congress must summon the courage to resist the self-serving demands—the kind of courage and shared sacrifice that guided the brave rescue workers on Sept. 11.

Ralph Nader is a long-time consumer advocate and former Green Party presidential candidate.



## NAPSTER, FROM PAGE 1

When a lawsuit by the Recording Industry Association of America forced Napster to enter a self-imposed shutdown this summer, Moulder didn't fret for long. He switched to Napster substitutes such as Audiogalaxy and MusicCity Networks' Morpheus.

Moulder now downloads scores of songs in minutes using his dorm's speedy Ethernet connection to the Internet. He and fellow freshman 19-year-old Ta Ho of Richfield, Minn., don't bother with CDs because they say MP3s are more flexible even though slightly inferior in quality.

If Ho hears something he likes down the hall, he'll pop his head in the room and ask the student to e-mail him the song as an attachment. MP3s are "good enough for me," he says.

Music-filed downloading and swapping isn't just for young, male alpha geeks with computer code running through their veins, either.

"I'm a CLA kid," says Laurie Hahn, a 19-year-old English major from Forest Lake, referring to the abbreviation for the college of liberal arts. "I use my computer mainly for e-mail and word processing."

But this fall, she began logging

onto Audiogalaxy and soon collected about 200 MP3s to supplement her CD collection.

Students such as Hahn shrug at efforts by the entertainment industry to stop what it angrily calls digital piracy. They're not fazed by recent copyright lawsuits against Napster's successors, either.

"Obviously, (the litigious music industry) didn't succeed with Napster," Hahn says. "The idea of file sharing just got bigger."

Napster, at its peak in February 2000, hosted 1.5 million simultaneous users, according to the Webnoize market-research firm. That traffic flagged when free file sharing stopped this summer.

But by September, new file-sharing services took Napster's place and pumped traffic back up. In October, an average of 1 million users of the top three Napster alternatives—MusicCity, KaZaA and Grokster—downloaded 1.5 billion files, Webnoize says.

Home users of Napster alternatives grew by nearly 500 percent this year, from 1.2 million in March to 6.9 million in August, according to the Jupiter Media Metrix market-research firm.

Morpheus led the pack with 2.3 million users in August, up 186 percent from June.

"It's better than it was before—no question about that," says Lee Black, Webnoize's director of research.

File sharing has evolved beyond digital tunes. Users now swap music videos and software. College students increasingly possess bootlegged digital movies along with MP3s. Fast campus connections let them download a Hollywood flick or episodes of favorite TV shows in about the time it would take to watch them.

Audiogalaxy focuses on music downloads, but other services such as Morpheus, KaZaA and eDonkey let users grab everything from full-length movies to productivity software. Downloaders got to watch "Jurassic Park III" before it was released in theaters, Black says.

The technologies behind file sharing also are changing. Napster made an easy legal target because it centralized searches on its own servers even though the tunes were stored on users' hard drives.

Napster alternatives are more decentralized, making attempts to track their traffic more difficult.

## VAN TASSELL, FROM PAGE 1

"It's a country still trying to reconcile itself with a civil war where tens of thousands of people lost their lives, and hunger and starvation are very common, but people were willing to stand in line for three, four, five hours to vote."

"I think we should be a little envious of people who are willing to go through so much to cast a ballot."

This was the fifth such trip for Van Tassell, who was part of a group representing the Center for Global Education, which is based in Minneapolis, Minn. He previously served as an observer for elections held in Guatemala in 1999, El Salvador in 1994, Nicaragua in 1990 and Chile in 1989.

During his recent trip to Nicaragua, Van Tassell witnessed an attempted comeback by Daniel Ortega, who led the Soviet-based Sandinista government from 1979 until his defeat in the

1990 presidential election.

In this year's hotly contested presidential race, Ortega lost to Enrique Bolanos, a conservative businessman who served as vice president under outgoing president Arnoldo Aleman. Nicaraguans also elected representatives to their National Assembly and the Central American Parliament.

"This was an important election because there was clear evidence in the polls leading up to the election that the Sandinista coalition that ruled Nicaragua during the 1980's had a very real chance to win," Van Tassell said.

"And, although Ortega lost to Bolanos, the Sandinistas received their highest percentage of votes since 1984."

Van Tassell arrived in Nicaragua on Oct. 31 and remained in the country until Nov. 8. He spent election day in and around Managua, the nation's capital city.

tal city.

"We chose not to remain in one voting place," Van Tassell said.

"Instead, we spent an hour or so in about 10 different precincts. We visited areas that had different socioeconomic makeups, and we spent some time outside of the city in both rural areas and small towns."

The Center for Global Education was just one of several organizations that were invited to observe the elections. A group of U.S. Congressmen and representatives from the Carter Center of Atlanta were also there.

"As far as the actual staging of the election is concerned, there was widespread agreement that the process was fair," Van Tassell said.

"There were some glitches - some of the counts seemed to go very slowly, for example - but I think it was a clean election."

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## '...Unfortunately, we had another half'

--FAMU Quarterback Quinn Gray

By Doug Kidd  
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Looks like Georgia Southern had the shooters after all.

Earlier in the week, Paul Johnson thought his Eagles might not have the offensive firepower to hang with Florida A&M in another shoot-out.

But like the 1997 playoff match-up, GSU rolled through the Rattlers' defense for 545 yards in a 60-35 win in front of a Paulson Stadium crowd of 9,884.

Unlike the '97 game, it was FAMU that jumped out early, scoring on its first three possessions to take a 21-7 lead.

"I was kind of stunned a little," Johnson said. "But it was a game of ebb and flow; we had to answer each score."

After falling behind by 14, GSU didn't panic; instead the Eagles responded with just another in a line of big plays. Quarterback J.R. Revere hit Mark Myers on a 72-yard bomb on the first play from scrimmage to pull within 21-14.

A 44-yard field goal by Scott Shelton was followed by a long Zream Walden run. Walden's run off an option pitch by Revere, went for 49-yards, giving the junior his first career touchdown.

FAMU's Quinn Gray finished a bril-

liant first half when he connected with Fa'amalo Lutu on a four-yard touchdown pass to give the Rattlers a 28-24 lead.

Shelton would connect on a 35-yard field goal just before the half, but GSU would enter the locker room down 28-27.

"I'm sure we scared some people in the first half; we had people on the edge of their seats," said Gray, who threw for 175 yards in the first half with a touchdown throwing and running.

"But we knew we had to play a damn near perfect game to beat Georgia Southern. Unfortunately, we had another half."

The '97 first-round game saw GSU hold on to a big first half lead for a 53-37 win. This time the Eagles used the final two periods to pull away from the Rattlers.

And it was the defense that would get them there.

GSU's defense shut down FAMU and Adrian Peterson got going in the second half as the Eagles outscored the Rattlers, 33-7.

Peterson, who rushed for 153 yards on 20 carries, took off on a 45-yarder as the Eagles took the lead for good, 33-28.

Two Shelton field goals, from 25 and 24 yards out, sandwiched one of the oddest plays of the year. FAMU kick returner Isaac Brown took the kickoff, but was met by a vicious hit from GSU's Johnathan Woodham, forcing a fumble.

The ball shot forward and the Eagles' Kevin Heard caught it in midair and returned it 25-yards for the score.

GSU's final two scores came from the defense as Freddy Pesqueira took an interception 22-yards and Michael Youngblood took a fumble 26-yards for touchdowns.

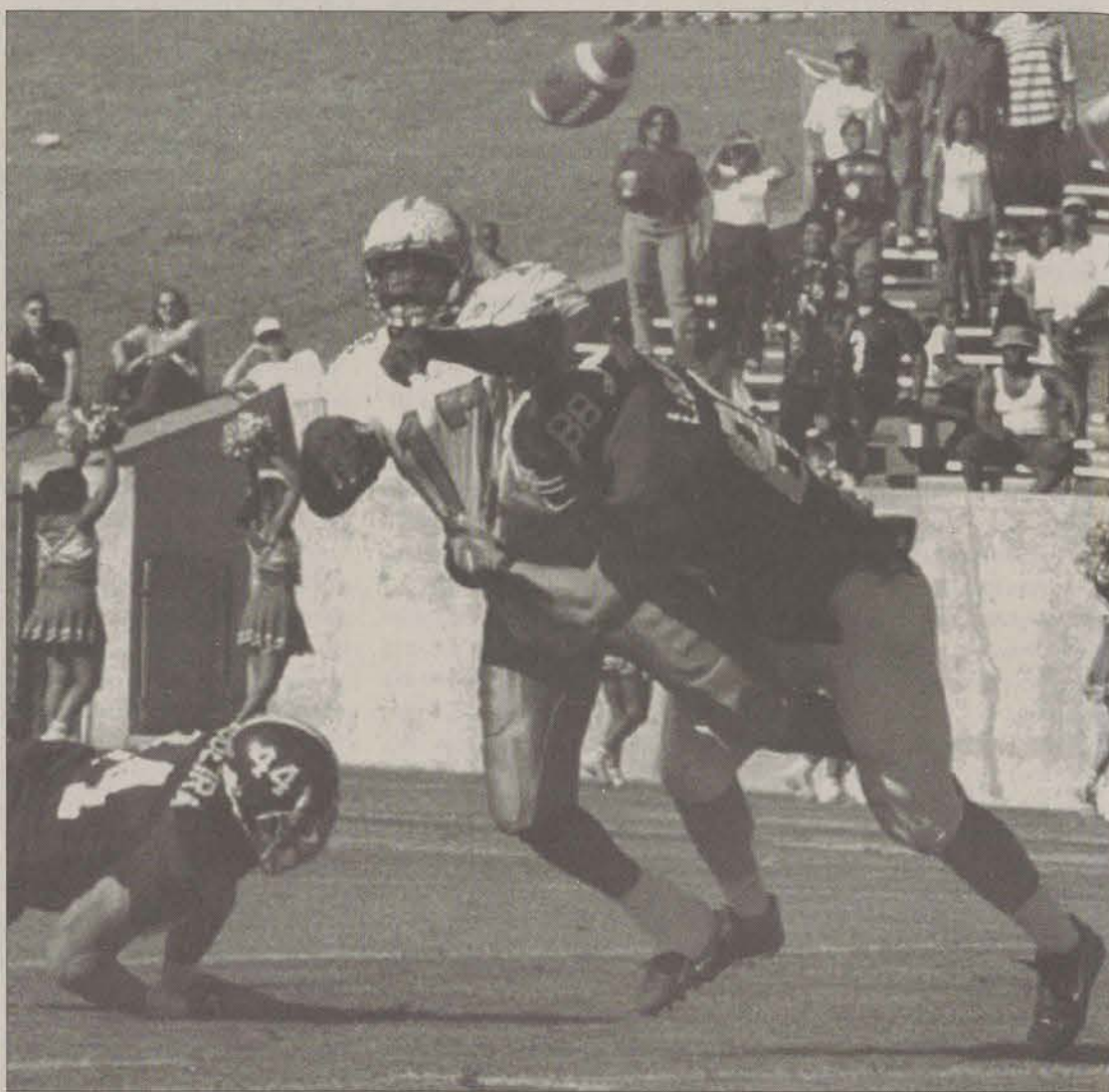
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-GSU's win was the 38<sup>th</sup> straight home win, tying the I-AA mark set by the program from 1985 to 1990. The win also pushed the Eagles home playoff record to 26-0.

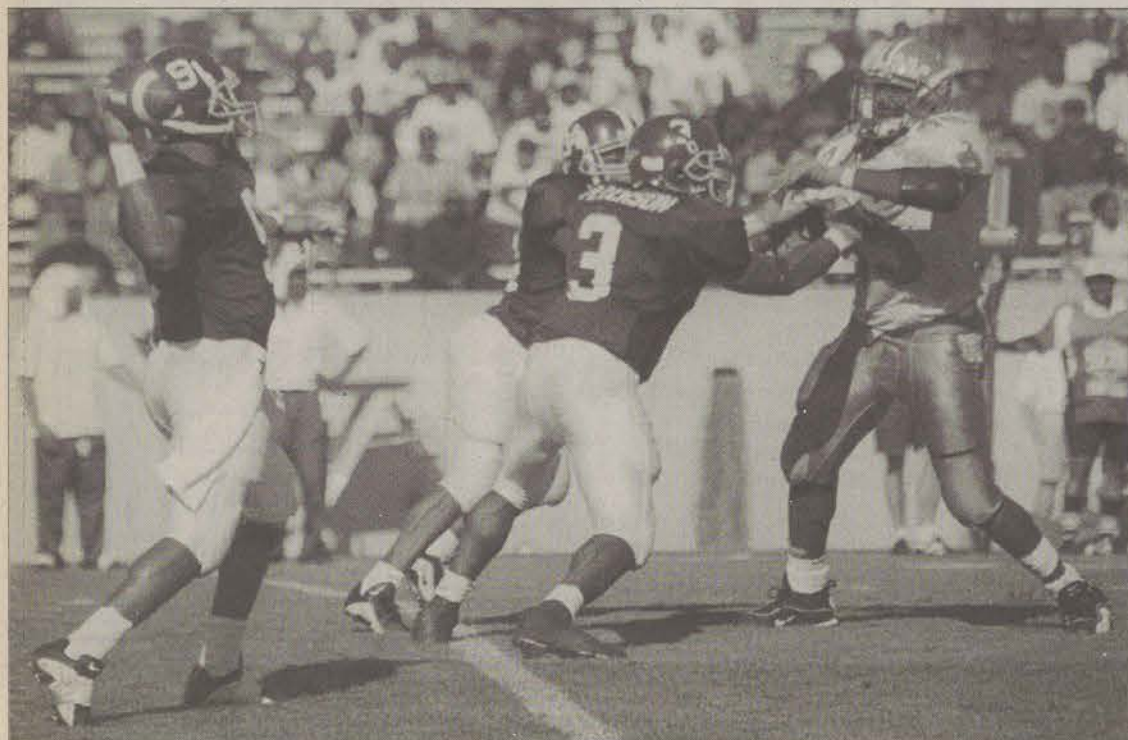
-Scott Shelton's four field goals tied a Southern Conference and GSU playoff record.

-J.R. Revere had his best passing day of the season, completing five-of-10 passes for 161 yards. The 161 yards marked the third-highest mark of the senior's career.

-FAMU's 297 passing yards and 480 total yards were the most surrendered by GSU this season.



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## Round one playoff summary for Saturday's games

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**Montana 28, Northwestern St. 19**  
MISSOULA, Mont. — Defensive end Ciche Pitcher had nine tackles, four sacks, forced two fumbles and recovered another for a touchdown to seal Montana's 28-19 victory over Northwestern.

Running back Yohance Humphery had 174 yards in total offense and two touchdowns — one running and one passing — for top-ranked Montana (12-1).

Northwestern State (8-4) scored on a 35-yard touchdown run by Clint Roy with 8:38 remaining, but Roy was penalized for pointing toward the end zone as he ran in untouched. The Demons' 2-point conversion attempt from 18 yards out failed, leaving Montana up 21-19 Northwestern's Terrence McGee fumbled a Montana punt with just over three minutes to play, but recovered at the 3.

Craig Nall passed to Freddie Harrison on first down, but Montana's Matt Steinau stripped the ball and Pitcher recovered the fumble in the end zone for the final score.

**Appalachian State 40, William & Mary 27**  
BOONE, N.C. — Jimmy Watkins ran for 216 yards and four touchdowns as Appalachian State beat William & Mary 40-27.

The Mountaineers (9-3) ran for 353 yards to easily overcome quarterback Joe Burchette's three first-half interceptions.

William & Mary (8-4) opened the scoring when cornerback Billy Parker intercepted Burchette's first pass of the game and ran it back 24 yards for a touchdown.

But Appalachian State rebounded to take a 27-7 lead at the half, with Watkins scoring three times and running for 142 yards in the half.

**Lehigh 27, Hofstra 24 (OT)**  
BETHELEHEM, Pa. — Jermaine Pugh's touchdown with 19 seconds remaining in regulation, followed by Brian Kelley's

field goal in overtime, brought Lehigh from a 7-point deficit to a 27-24 victory over Hofstra.

Abdul Byron picked off a Rocky Butler pass on the opening play of overtime for Hofstra (9-2). Kelley then sent Lehigh (11-0) to the second round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs with a 23-yard field goal.

Hofstra seemed to have the game in hand with 3:07 to play, a 7-point lead, and the ball on the Lehigh 8-yard line. But Hofstra tailback Trevor Dimmie fumbled a pitch from quarterback Rocky Butler and Lehigh's Theo Moss recovered it. Lehigh backup quarterback Luke Ciannello then took Lehigh 92 yards on 14 plays before finding Pugh for the score.

**Maine 14, McNeese St. 10**  
LAKE CHARLES, La. — Royston English ran for 144 yards and the winning touchdown, and Maine kept McNeese State's passing game in check en route to a 14-10 victory.

Maine (9-2) will play at Northern Iowa next week in the quarterfinals. Northern Iowa beat Eastern Illinois 49-43.

All of the scoring came on consecutive drives in a 6:22 span of the third quarter.

McNeese State (8-4) opened the scoring on Charlie Hebert's 42-yard field goal, and Maine countered with Jake Eaton's 27-yard scoring pass to Chad Hayes.

McNeese State regained the lead on Vick King's 58-yard run, and Maine made it 14-10 on English's 4-yard run.

**Furman 24, Western Kentucky 20**

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Al Means' 19-yard touchdown run with 3:07 left in the game lifted Furman to a 24-20 win over Western Kentucky.

The winning score was set up by the Hilltoppers' Curtis Hamilton, whose fumble at his own 42 was recovered by Josh Cooper.

The win ends two years of play-

off frustration for Furman (10-2), who lost at home in the first round in 1999 and 2000. They play undefeated Lehigh next week at home in the second round.

Louis Ivory ran 33 times for 170 yards for the Paladins. Quarterback Billy Napier was 6-for-13 for 89 yards, throwing a touchdown and an interception.

Western Kentucky (8-4) led 14-0 in the first quarter and 17-7 at the half.

**Sam Houston St. 34, Northern Arizona 31**

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — Alex St. Peter kicked a 20-yard field goal as time expired to give Sam Houston State a 34-31 victory over Northern Arizona.

Trailing 31-24, Northern Arizona drove 73 yards in 12 plays to tie it with just 32 seconds left on

### SECOND HALF BLOWOUT:

The defense owned the second half of the game when the Eagles outscored FAMU 33 points to their seven in the second half due to several fumbles and an interception that turned into three touchdowns made by the defense. (above) J.R. Revere, (left) threw for 161 yards, his third highest mark in the senior's career. Adrian Peterson rushed for 153 yards and two touchdowns. GSU's total offense yardage for the game was 545 while FAMU finished with 480 yards. The Eagles take on App. St. this Saturday for round two of the playoffs.

		Saturday's Game Stats				Score
		1	2	3	4	
Florida A&M		21	7	0	7	- 35
Ga. Southern		14	13	16	17	- 60

1st 14:30	GSU	Adrian Peterson 19-yard run (Scott Shelton kick)
11:07	FAMU	Quinn Gray 2-yard run (Juan Vasquez kick)
6:49	FAMU	Kelsie Lordeus 4-yard run (Vasquez kick)
2:06	FAMU	O.J. Marchbanks 1-yard run (Vasquez kick)
2nd 13:29	GSU	Mark Myers 72-yard pass from J.R. Revere (Shelton kick)
10:47	GSU	Zzream Walden 49-yard run (Shelton kick)
2:34	FAMU	Fa'amalo Lutu 4-yard pass from Gray (Vasquez kick)
:22	GSU	Shelton 35-yard field goal
3rd 8:14	GSU	Peterson 45-yard run (Shelton kick)
3:45	GSU	Shelton 25-yard field goal
3:32	GSU	Kevin Heard 25-yard fumble recovery (Shelton kick)
4th 9:31	GSU	Shelton 24-yard field goal
9:15	GSU	Freddy Pesqueira 22-yard interception return (Shelton kick)
8:50	GSU	Mike Youngblood 26-yard fumble recovery (Shelton kick)
3:27	FAMU	Marchbanks 1-yard run (Vasquez kick)

FAMU		Ga. Southern
480	Total Offense	545
183	Rushing	384
297	Passing	161

**Individual Leaders** — Passing: FAMU — Quinn Gray 35-15-3 219 yards 1 TD; Lemuel Adams 13-10-0 78 yards; GSU — J.R. Revere 10-5-0 161 yards 1 TD; Chaz Williams 1-0-0 0 yards; Rushing: FAMU — Kelsie Lordeus 17-107 1 T.; O.J. Marchbanks 16-45 2 TD; Lemeul Adams 10-17; Quinn Gray 5-15 1 TD; GSU — Adrian Peterson 20-153 2 TD; J.R. Revere 15-80; Zzream Walden 4-71 1 TD; Mark Myers 5-64; Hakim Ford 3-9; Kevin Davis 1-6; Trey Hunter 1-1; Receiving — FAMU Charles Allen 8-84; Isaac Brown 6-59; Marco Junio 4-93; DeMar Bowe 3-16; Kelsie Lordeus 2-38; Fa'amalo Lutu 1-4 1 TD; O.J. Marchbanks 1-3; GSU — Mark Myers 1-72 1 TD; T.J. Anderson 1-45; Zzream Walden 1-31; Derrick Owens 1-21; Adrian Peterson 1- -8.

## Round one playoffs showcase Eagle slotbacks

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It's that time of year again in Statesboro: a time for Georgia Southern players make their statements loud and clear to a football nation who has been trying hard all season not to listen.

It's time for Adrian Peterson to run right over would-be defenders with a reckless abandon that is worthy of Heisman Trophy consideration.

It's time for Freddy Pesqueira to show the country that for three years now he has been an absolute dominating defensive force in I-AA college football.

And finally, it's that time of the year when the slotbacks of the potent Georgia Southern offense rise to the occasion and show everyone that they may be the most invaluable yet underrated Eagles that take the field every Saturday.

In the five years that Paul Johnson has been Head Coach of

GSU football, the Eagles have won 13 out of a possible 15 I-AA playoff contests (which includes Saturday's 60-35 romp of the FAMU Rattlers). And it's during these games, on a well-lit postseason stage, where the slotbacks have come through with spectacular performances, and have given the fans one final glimpse at what has been a year's worth of hard work and dedication.

In 1998, Corey Joyner caught three touchdown passes in a pivotal semi-final game against Western Illinois at Paulson Stadium, which sent GSU packing for Chattanooga.

In 1999, Benny Cunningham ran the ball four times for 124 yards in the National Championship victory against Youngstown State.

In 2000, Andre Weathers also needed only four carries to run for 122 yards and a key touchdown in the playoff victory against the Delaware Blue Hens in frigid Newark, Delaware.

And Saturday, in the first post-

season contest of the 2001 campaign, Slotbacks Mark Myers and Zzream Walden used an air and ground attack to combine for 238 yards of total offense and two touchdowns.

For five years now these slotbacks have returned kicks, caught passes, ran the ball, and taken the option pitch from quarterbacks. And players like Walden even spent time early this year in the defensive secondary, because of the obvious athleticism and blinding speed that they possess.

These men line up side by side in GSU's double-slot triple-option scheme, and they take the pitch when J.R. pitches, they catch the pass when J.R. passes, and they give themselves up with a key block when J.R. tucks the ball under his arm and decides to run with it himself.

This coming Saturday, Georgia Southern is set to face conference rival Appalachian State in what is expected to be a hard fought tooth and nail dogfight. They will be zero-

ing in on Adrian Peterson to see if they can shutdown his running game the way they did in Boone, NC earlier this year when they became the first team ever to keep him under 100 yards rushing in a single game.

And they will be paying close attention to see if J.R. Revere will go to the air and try to top his season high in passing yards that was set last week against Florida A&M.

But don't be surprised if you hear the names Myers, Walden, or Coley called quite a bit over the Paulson P.A. system, because these guys came to play, and they are willing to do whatever coach Johnson asks them to, to try and help the Eagles get back on board the Chattanooga Choo-Choo.

And yes, let's not forget...it's that time of the year, when they show what they can do to the rest of the country who hasn't been paying attention.





# Men's basketball wins 1000th victory in school history

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Julius Jenkins scored a game-high 26 points and Kashien Latham added 20 as Georgia Southern snapped a two-game losing streak with an 87-76 win over Illinois State on Thursday night.

Jenkins made 7-of-9 field goal attempts and scored 18 points as the Eagles (3-2) shot 67 percent in the first half, which ended with Georgia Southern ahead 48-40.

The Redbirds (2-3) opened the second half with a 14-8 run that cut the Eagles' lead to 56-54 with 14:59 left, but that was as close as Illinois State would get.

Clinging to a 66-62 lead with 8:30 remaining, Georgia Southern limited the Redbirds to one field goal

in the next six minutes as it went on an 11-3 spurt. The run that ended with a driving layup by Sean Peterson that put the Eagles up 77-65 with 2:32 left. Illinois State never got closer than seven points the rest of the way as it dropped its third straight game.

Peterson finished with 11 points and a game-high nine assists as Georgia Southern shot 60 percent. Latham led all players with 11 rebounds and three blocked shots.

Shawn Jeppson scored 19 points to lead the Redbirds, who shot 45 percent. Baboucar Bojang had 14 points while Vince Greene and Shedrick Ford added 12 and 11, respectively.

There were seven lead changes and five ties in the first 15:28 of the game. Four different Georgia Southern players made field goals as the Eagles hit five of their first six shots to take a 10-point lead in the opening 3:36. Jenkins' first 3-pointer made it 13-3 with 16:24 left in the half.

Green hit two 3-pointers as Illinois State went on a 19-7 run to take its first lead at 22-20 with 9:54 left in the half. The Redbirds led 33-30 with five minutes remaining, but Jenkins made two more 3-pointers as Georgia Southern ended the half with an 18-7 run.

The Eagles return to action on Saturday at UNLV. Game time is set for 10:35 pm EST.

## GSU Swimming and Diving lose to College of Charleston

G-A News Service

CHARLESTON, S.C.—The Georgia Southern Eagles had their best outing of the season Friday against the College of Charleston but lost to the Cougars 125-106. The loss drops Georgia Southern to 0-6 on the year.

Georgia Southern scored their most points of the season by winning four events and finishing second in nine others. The Eagles were led by freshman Kaley Marshall and sophomore

Lauren Bird. Both participated with freshman Rebecca Heiser and sophomore Erin Downs to take first place in the 200 Free Relay with a time of 1:53.85. Bird also took first in the 100 Fly with a time of 1:06.48 while Marshall won the 100 Free by posting a 1:00.86 mark. Freshman Nikki Wood also finished first for the Eagles with a time of 2:11.96 in the 200 Free.

Second place finishers for Georgia Southern were Ashley Burger in the 800 Free, Florrie

Cunningham in the 50 Free, Sahsa Murray in the 100 Back, Annie Burton in the 100 Breast, and Tisha Barlow in

both the 1 & 3 Meter diving events. Bird finished second in the 200 Individual Medley as did Heiser in the 400 Free. The 200 Relay Medley team of Murray, Downs, Burton and Cunningham also had a second place finish.

Georgia Southern will return to action on January 11, 2002 at Gardner-Webb.

## Fan loyalty can be costly in the game of football

KRT Campus

College football's version of lightning struck twice over the extended holiday weekend.

Colorado thrashed No. 1 Nebraska. Oklahoma State upset defending national champion Oklahoma.

In the process, travel itineraries from Lincoln, Neb., to Norman, Okla., were scattered across the Midwest. No Big 12 Championship Game for the Cornhuskers or Sooners. Ditto for many of their supporters.

Saturday's 7 p.m. CST game at Texas Stadium now pits North champion Colorado vs. Texas from the South.

"What a deal," said Steve Hudgins, past president of the OU Club of Fort Worth.

So, you want to see this title tilt? Well, be prepared to dig deep into your wallet. Tickets won't come cheap.

"Tickets in the lower level start at \$150 and go up to \$400," an employee from Texas Tickets said Monday. "Tickets in the lower level start at \$250 and go up to \$500."

Colorado's athletic ticket office

offered tickets with seats located in Texas Stadium's lower level for \$60 and \$70 on Monday, but those wishing to purchase tickets from its allotment of 8,250 were required to be season-ticket holders. Texas' ticket office also prioritized orders by a member's standing in the Longhorn Foundation. Those who write the fat checks get tickets. Those who don't won't.

Fans can also turn on their computers and browse the auctions on eBay.com, where tickets might come a little less expensive than at a brokerage. Tickets for two Monday ranged mostly from \$200-\$500. Some tickets came with parking passes, while others didn't.

David Cochrane, president of the OU Club of Fort Worth, preaches patience for those wishing to purchase tickets at a more affordable cost.

"As the week goes on, I think, more than likely, people are just going to want to get rid of them," he said.

Cochrane attended last year's Big 12 Championship Game at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City. Cochrane recalled one man who couldn't give his tickets away.

Hudgins also suggested people in need

of tickets try online message boards affiliated with Texas, Colorado, Nebraska and Oklahoma. Nebraska fans posted tickets for sale there last year. Otherwise, "flip through your Rolodex and see if there's an Oklahoma fan that you know," Hudgins said.

Otherwise, stay at home and park in front of the television with your snacks and beverage of choice.

That might be the best ticket.

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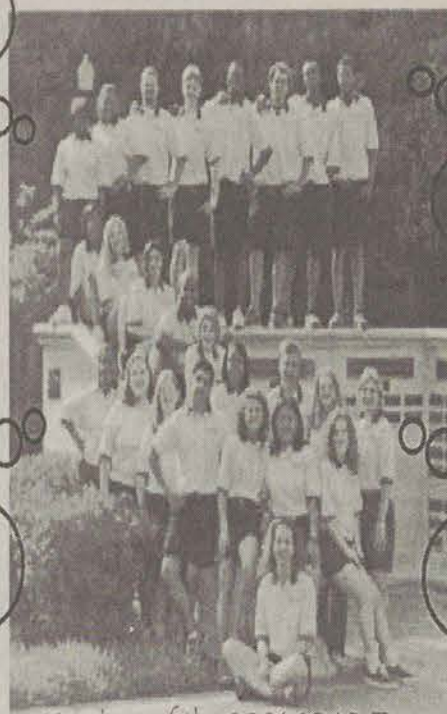
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## Creative Writing Club holds reading at Emack & Bolio's

By Kim Waters

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A coffee house was the ideal setting for the Creative Writing Club's reading.

Emack and Bolios set the mood with big comfy couches and Christmas lights glittering in the windows on Thursday night, November 30. Both readers and listeners started arriving around 6:45 that evening, ordering espressos and lattes, and settling in for the artistic exhibition about to take place.

Once everyone had arrived, things started-up around 7:15. There were eighteen readers in all that would dazzle the fortunate audience with their writing abilities that night.

The first reader was Matt Kirbow, and he started the show off greatly. With his short story of how he was led out of a depressing state by friends, he set an interesting mood and a high standard to be followed, and equaled, by many other readers.

Over the course of the next hour

there were many other readers who pleased us with their stories of tap dancing, soul mates, camping, incest attempts, and lifelong friends.

There were also a few poets among the multitude that wrote about flowers, cats, love, and love lost. And eagerly their audience listened, sipping on their coffees and clapping in appreciation of the talent that was shared with them.

After a ten minute break, and a few smoked cigarettes, things were started up again. The great thing was that the second half was just as enjoyable as the first. More stories of love, parents, leaving home, and even vacuum cleaners graced the lucky listener's ears.

An exceptional writer, by the name of Joe Ben, delivered both humorous shocks and gentlemanly values all within a few minutes of his reading time.

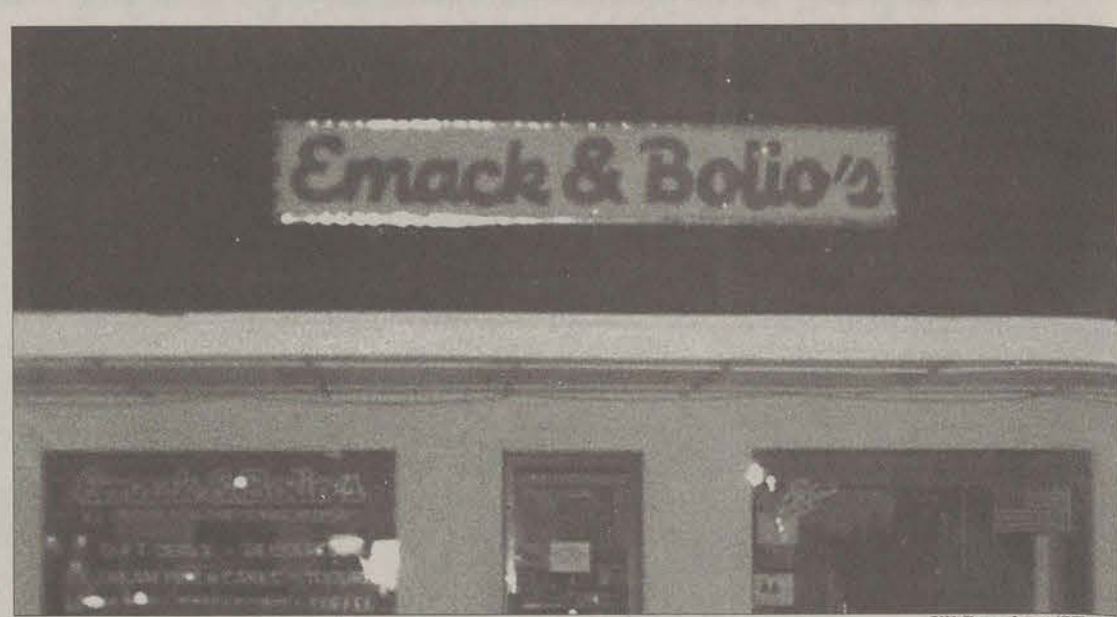
He had a story about the time that he helped an elderly lady to Wal-Mart, and another story about being damned to a hell of his own

making, because of his strong words with God. This was only one example of the diverse nature of the readings that took place.

Another off the wall piece was delivered by Chris Brennaman, the president of the Creative Writing Club. He described a humorous demonstration that a Kirby Vacuum cleaner salesman delivered to him in his home. With his enthusiastic delivery, he had people rolling with laughter.

After the reading of works was complete, some people hung around discussing the stories and how they were pleased with the turnout of the evening's event. Peter Christopher, the Creative Writing Club's Advisor, was very happy with the enthusiasm of the readers and said he was "very pleased with the turnout", and he "hopes to have more next semester."

Everybody agreed that Emack and Bolios was a great location for the event. It provided a warm atmosphere, and was the perfect size to



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**CREATIVE READING:** GSU's Creative Writing Club found Emack and Bolio's the perfect setting for the reading held there last Thursday night.

hold everybody that attended the event. There were around fifty people that came either to read or to listen, and everyone of those people left with smiles on their faces.

Going to a Creative Writing Club reading is an enjoyable evening for all that attend. There was humor; there was sadness. There was joy and there was remorse. After one

time of going, you will want to go again for more.

Feel free to attend a Creative Writing Club reading, and be made better because of it.

## Class confronts death with tour of funeral home

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The concept of death can be an uncomfortable subject, even for adults. However, as an inevitable fact of life, it must be recognized and examined.

Dr. Kyong Hee Chee, a sociology professor at GSU, arranged a vivid way to aid one of her classes in that process.

On Monday, October 19, students from Dr. HeeChee's Death and Dying class took part in what some would call an unusual field trip.

Dr. Hee Chee's class visited Craig R. Tremble & Sons Funeral Home, Inc. to apply the concepts they were learning in

class to the real thing.

"I try to allow students to learn whatever I'm teaching in the appropriate context," said Chee. She also said she prepared the students for what they would see and reminded them the deceased still "deserve respect."

The field trip started off with a tour of the facilities. Office Manager Tabatha Wigfall led the students as they toured the casket viewing, and embalming rooms.

After the tour, students were seated in the Robena Raymond Memorial Chapel of the funeral home where Rev. Craig R. Tremble, owner and mortician, spoke to them.

Tremble said he feels his career choice is "a calling by God."

Students asked questions that

dealt with salary issues, transporting the remains, and funeral costs.

"Before touring the funeral home, I had no idea of the process that goes on within the business. This [tour] made me more aware and understanding of their service," said student Jason Jenkins.

At the end of the tour, Tremble gave the students business cards and advised them to call him if they needed anything.

"We're here to provide a service," said Tremble, "which includes helping students whenever we can."

For more information on arranging a funeral home tour, please call (912) 764-2100.

## TALIBAN, FROM PAGE 1

The man was among the Taliban fighters who surrendered after the Qala-i-jangy uprising, Cassella said.

Hospital officials later tried to deny that an American had been there. Upon seeing the nurse speaking to reporters, a man who identified himself as Dr. Mohammed Ishmael Shiwa, the director of the clinic, demanded that all further questioning take place in his office.

Shiwa then spoke to nurses in Uzbek. "Don't tell them about the American," Shiwa said, according to an Uzbek-speaking translator who heard the conversation.

Nurses then told reporters that the American soldiers were actually "journal-

ists," that the prisoner spoke to them in English and claimed he was from Tatarstan, a semi-autonomous Russian republic.

The "journalists" then left but did not

When asked if the American was among them, Commander Jurabeg, the prison warden, asked: "American? What American? The Americans have already taken him away. He's probably in America by now."

Officials at the Sheberghan prison said they are taking special measures to deal with the 4,000 Taliban in their custody. Most were brought to the prison from Kunduz, which fell to northern alliance forces a week ago.

The prison is surrounded only by a 12-foot mud-brick wall topped with three thin strands of barbed wire. Guards stand watch in towers on each corner with automatic weapons pointed inside. There are only about 100 guards at the prison, but officials insist that the security is adequate.

"We're confident that what occurred at Qala-i-jangy will not happen here," said Jurabeg, who like many Afghans goes by one name. "We have the best security in Sheberghan."

The prison is unheated. Prisoners are packed into small rooms inside three corridors of a small inner compound inside the prison. A common courtyard measures about 75 feet wide by 75 feet long.

About 500 prisoners were into the courtyard during a recent visit by reporters. The prisoners wore dirty, disheveled clothes, and most had wrapped themselves in thin wool blankets against the cold. The prisoners receive a meal of meat, rice, potatoes and bread twice a day, said Jurabeg.

"They feed me well," said Maqsoud Khan, 24, a Pakistani who claims he was ordered into Afghanistan to fight by religious leaders. "I can have bread, food and water, but it's still a prison. And we don't have any way to heat the rooms."

During a recent visit, a truck pulled up to the front door of the prison and began unloading sleeping mats and blankets. Northern alliance officials have gone to great lengths to explain how well they treat their prisoners.

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# 'Jinx' ties treasure hunt with interesting characters

By Joe Ben Deal  
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"I'm telling you, I swear, I'm supposed to be better than that. There's supposed to be a lot more. I look at what I've become and... and... and... I hate myself for it..." says Jinx, the title character in the crime noir graphic novel by Brian Michael Bendis.

Jinx is a bounty hunter in Cleveland. If you jump bail, she comes looking for you. But Jinx is tired of hunting down criminals. Part of it stems out of realizing the danger she puts herself in.

"I had absolutely no doubt in my mind that I had checked out. That this was it! That I had died as violently as—as I had lived and my first thought, I remember, was that somebody, some guy, was going to have to scoop up my empty—my empty leftovers... and show them to my mom so he could bury me... how vulgar is that?"

But that is how Jinx makes her living until she meets two drifters, Goldfish and Columbia, who know where three million dollars may be hidden. It can all be theirs if they can stop double crossing each other.

"Jinx" is much more than a treasure hunt, but is a character-driven story. For example, how does Jinx hook up with Goldfish and Columbia?

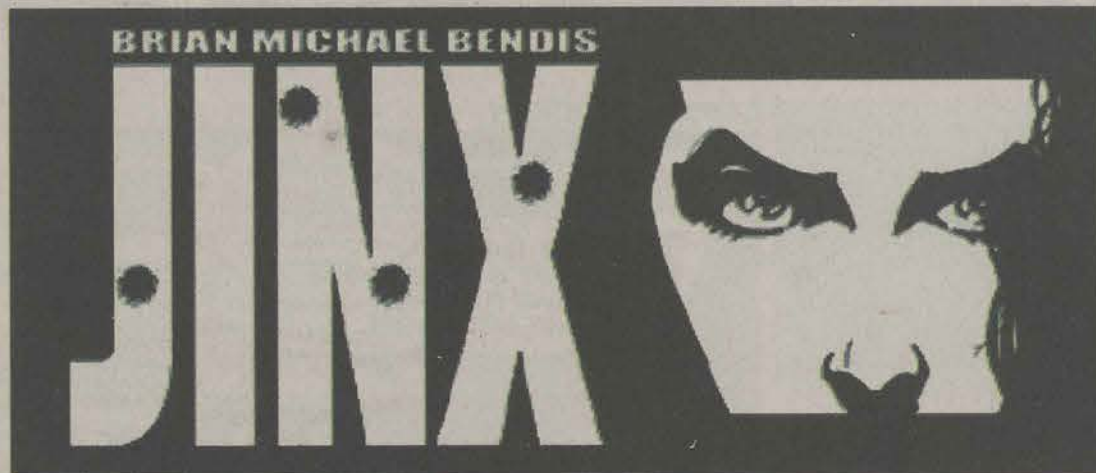
After a night of street hustling, Goldfish spots Jinx in Sergio's Diner. After leaving, he stops at a pay phone, calls the Diner, and asks to speak to Jinx by describing her.

"So now I see you, and I see that I'm all intrigued, and I'm an adult and you're an adult, and yet I have no idea of how I'm supposed to come up and say 'Hi' to you with any degree of appropriateness," Goldfish says to Jinx.

His talking pays off and Jinx decides to meet with Goldfish for "Tea and muffins at the Big Egg." There is bound to be problems when Jinx finds out that Goldfish has a bounty on his head.

Most of the story is about the characters. I must admit, a part of me kept wondering when the treasure hunt was going to begin.

The hunt kept getting sidetracked



Special Photo

**MORE THAN A TREASURE HUNT:** In the graphic novel by Brian Michael Bendis, Jinx is the story of a female bounty hunter in Cleveland. Jinx grows tired of her dangerous occupation and ends up on a search for a lost three million dollars.

by other dilemmas, but Bendis' dialogue kept the story moving and gave it an aspect of reality, like you were overhearing someone else's conversations.

At one point, in a homage to classic comic books, he has the characters talking and drawn in the classical comic book style. The corny dialogue in the parody only further demonstrates his superior talent for dialogue, especially since I've read many comic books with dialogue like the parody.

The dialogue is definitely one of his strengths. Even when the story doesn't seem to be going anywhere, the characters are always talking about something.

"D'you know what I was thinking about? I was thinking about how—now get this—I was thinking about how our whole lives...our entire reality... revolves around traffic lights. Y'ever think about this?"

Maybe Bendis love of dialogue lead him to get sidetracked though. One scene is going from conversation to conversation. It seems to unnecessarily stretch out the scene. Luckily, there were only two spots in the colossal volume that I felt Bendis let his dialogue take him away from the story.

The use of light and shadow make for a realistic looking images of a dark and greedy story, although every

once and a while, I had to study a panel for a second to understand what I was seeing.

Once my eyes adjusted to the style, it became no problem. Bendis also fills the scenery and backgrounds with "xerography," which is when he mixes his artwork with xerox copies of photos and adds to the realistic feel of the story.

Bendis wanted the story to be realistic, in fact Jinx was inspired by a real bounty hunter he met while he was working on Jinx. He had his characters, but he didn't know how Jinx was related to them.

"I knew who Jinx was...but I had no idea what this woman...was doing in this world of macho pinheads...I got a call to do a freelance illustration, as often happens. I met this particular client in my local coffee shop... In walked this hard, attractive, tank topped, jean clad woman with a shock of hair... and packing heat. I asked her what she did for a living and she said: 'I'm a bounty hunter.' And baby, was I in business."

This bounty hunter was not the only person who Bendis talked to before writing "Jinx." Bendis believes in doing research to make his stories seem more real.

"I talked to a ton of bounty hunters, cops and others of the ilk...its a

lot of fun."

Bendis talks about creating comic books and graphic novels in the supplementary section included in "Jinx: the definitive collection." Bendis compares his "definitive collection" of graphic novels to special edition DVDs.

The supplementary section includes "the making of Jinx" in which Bendis talks about the premise, writing, character design, his use of models and photo reference. It also includes an article about how he almost got arrested while taking pictures in public with realistic looking weapons as props. The book weighs in at 480 pages and retails for \$24.95.

Bendis is an Eisner award winner (the Eisner awards are like the Academy Awards for comic books). His graphic novel "Goldfish" takes place before "Jinx" and is the story of Goldfish, Columbia, and Goldfish's old girlfriend Lauren who also appears in Jinx. I learned after reading "Jinx" that it is a good idea to read "Goldfish" first because it tells more about Goldfish and Lauren's past.

Bendis currently writes five monthly comic books including "Ultimate Spider-Man," "Daredevil," and "Alias." His monthly comic books and his growing library of graphic novels can be found locally at Gallop's Comics and Games.

## Fitness: Tips for staying in shape during the winter season

KRT Campus

During the holiday season, some of us are tempted to shelve some of our workouts or sports.

We're busy with gift-shopping. We have gatherings and other social events to attend.

Some continue to be overwhelmed by the recent terrorist events and the war in Afghanistan.

And some-

times, the shorter

daylight hours,

colder weather

and occasional

rain make it more

tempting for us

to head home,

light the fireplace

and snuggle under

a blanket

with a cup of hot

chocolate.

But staying

active is one of

the most impor-

tant things we

can do to take

care of ourselves

during the holi-

day season, right

up there with good hygiene to keep

away the flu, colds and other upper-

respiratory infections.

Exercising at this time of the year

burns those extra calories from eggnog

and other treats that surround us at

work and at parties. It helps relieve

stress. It can lift our spirits when we

have a touch of the blues.

Here are tips on how to stay physi-

cally active through the season, from

me and from Jill Koval-Kahler, CEO

of Mr. Jill's Body Firm in Tustin, Cal-

if.:

• Keep a holiday workout calendar,

listing small goals every week. Put it

where you can see it every day—your

bathroom mirror or your refrigerator

door.

• Put individual appointments to

work out on your schedule/planner.

Leaving exercise to chance increases

the risk of dropping it.

• Keep those appointments - even

when you don't feel like doing so. You'll feel better afterward.

• Aim for at least four to five days of cardiovascular exercise a week.

• Take stretching breaks every couple of hours at work or while watching TV.

• Go for a walk during your lunch hour, even if you can't make it to an exercise facility.

• Set a fitness goal for January, such as a 5K walk or run, and use that for motivation.

• Enlist fitness partners - friends or colleagues to whom you will be accountable.

• Tell your co-worker, walking or running partner or gym class friends that you need their help in sticking to

your workout plan. You can e-mail or call each other to give that needed push or reminder to go. You must do the same for them.

• Make activity - not food - the center of social events. Organize a hike with friends you want to see during the holidays.

• Be active throughout the day - take the stairs instead of the elevator or escalator. Walk to your work colleagues' desks instead of sending them instant mail.

• Park farther away than usual from the mall and walk.

• Make a list of backup workouts. If an unexpected task prevents you from attending a class or meeting a group for a walk, you won't have an excuse.

• Work out to holiday music. Download new cuts on your MP3 player or find a new CD of upbeat holiday music and listen to it as you work out on exercise machines.

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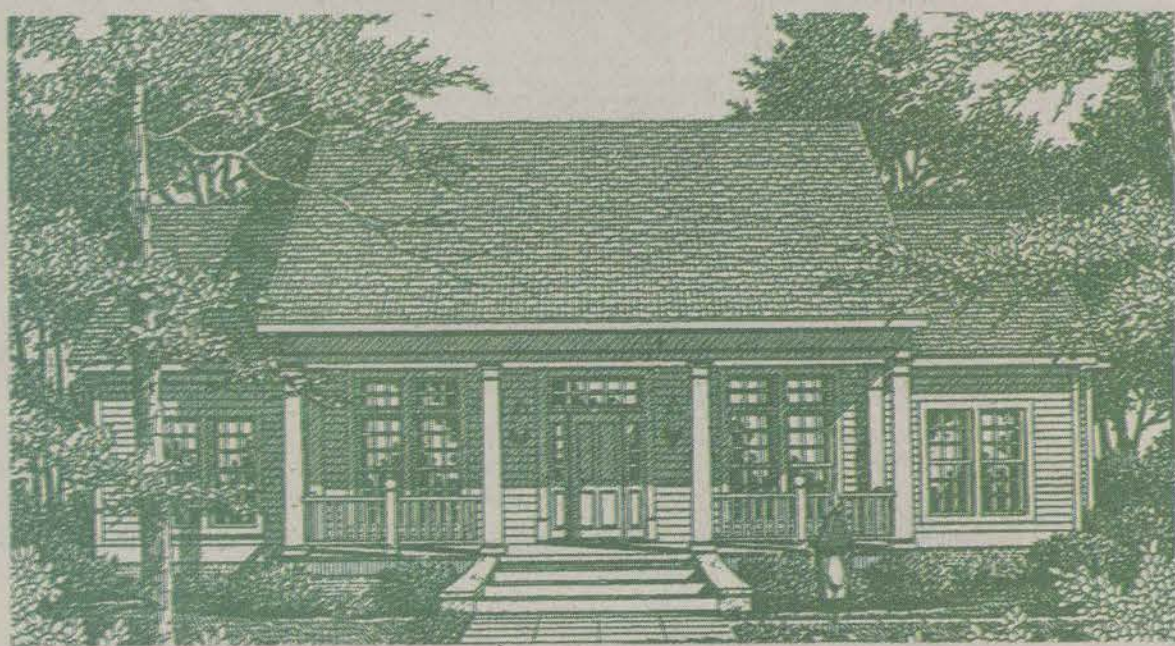
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